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WHAT'S NEWS IN THE MARKETS?

(USDA Food Bulletin for the week ended November 3, 1950)

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 31 --- Ribier and Tokay grapes, together with persimmons, cranberries, and Newtown apples from Santa Cruz are Good Buys in fruit this week.

Best Buys from the vegetable bin are cabbage, cauliflower, corn, and dry onions.

Good Buys this week include artichokes, lettuce, spinach, sweetpotatoes, and tomatoes.

In the Fair Buy class are snap beans and carrots.

MEAT

Under a somewhat selective demand for meat in the San Francisco wholesale market, price changes have been few. Beef, veal, calf and lamb have all held unchanged in price from a week ago. In the pork division, loins have advanced $2.00 per hundredweight; fresh and smoked picnics have ranged anywhere from $1.00 to $4.00 per hundredweight lower; and No. 1 sliced bacon has dropped $1.00 to $2.00 per hundredweight. Although the beef supply has run to weights too heavy for best market requirements, the quality has been mostly of Commercial and Good grades.

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BUTTER ---

Lack of demand for liberal supplies of Grade B butter has resulted in a price drop of 1-1/2 cents per pound on that grade. Top grades have held unchanged in price from a week ago, while production continues on a downward trend. Quotations to retailers are: Grades A&AA(1st Quality), 70 to 72 1/2 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints; Grade B(2nd Quality), 65 to 66 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints.

EGGS ---

In the San Francisco wholesale egg market prices have advanced 3 cents per dozen on lighter supplies of small eggs. Top grade large eggs are higher, too. Production has shown very little decline, but demand has been stronger. As a result, there has been a greater use of storage eggs. Quotations to retailers are: Grade "A" Large, 60 to 61 cents per dozen in cartons; Grade "A" Mediums, 52 to 53 cents per dozen in cartons; and Grade "A" Smalls, 40 to 41 cents per dozen in cartons.

POULTRY --

In the wholesale poultry market, a good demand for a light supply of dressed leghorn hens of all weights upped the price of them 1-cent per pound above a week ago. Tom and hen turkeys have gained 1-cent per pound also. All other classes are unchanged in price. Demand has continued fairly good for moderate supplies of broilers, fryers and roasters.

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(USDA Food Bulletin for the week ended Nov. 10, 1950)

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 7---In the Best Buy line-up on fruits this week are persimmons and Newtown apples from Watsonville.

In the Good Buy class are Thompson Seedless, Ribier, Tokay and Emperor grapes, and cranberries.

Honeydew and Persian melons are Fair Buys.

Best Buys in vegetables this week are artichokes, carrots, cauliflower, and soft squash.

Good Buys from the vegetable bin include cabbage, corn, celery, dry onions, and sweetpotatoes.

MEAT --

Pork items have been in best demand in the San Francisco wholesale meat market, where trading has ranged from slow to fair and demand has been especially slow for heavyweight lamb, steer beef, and Utility grade cow beef. Late in the week beef slaughter was curtailed and there was considerable unevenness in quality. Supplies of fresh veal and calf have been light, but demand has not been very active. Prices advanced $2.00 per hundredweight on Commercial grade fresh calf, and dropped $2.00 per hundredweight on pork loins and smoked picnics. Otherwise, prices have held practically unchanged from a week ago.

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BUTTER --

Sharp gains in butter production in California, Idaho and Utah have upped output for the week ended Nov. 2 to a level 2 percent above the previous week. In San Francisco, distributors are well supplied with top grades, and prices have dropped 1/2-cent per pound in the wholesale market. Grade "B" butter is up 1-cent per pound from a week ago. Quotations to retailers are: Grades A&AA (1st Quality), 69-1/2 to 72 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints; Grade B(2nd Quality), 66 to 67 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints.

EGGS --

Egg prices have continued on an upward trend under the influence of an improved demand. Grade "A" Large eggs have advanced 4 cents from a week ago to a quotation to retailers of 64 to 65 cents per dozen in cartons; Grade "A" Mediums are up 3 cents at a quotation of 55 to 56 cents; and Grade "A" Smalls have gained 5 cents to a quotation of 45 to 46 cents.

POULTRY --

A rather light demand for liberal offerings of dressed broilers and fryers has resulted in prices dropping 2 cents per pound on those classes in the San Francisco wholesale poultry market. Dressed roasters also are down 1-cent per pound below a week ago. Hens have continued in good demand, and Leghorn hens weighing over 4 pounds have advanced 1-cent per pound on dressed weights. All other classes are unchanged in price from a week ago.

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WHAT'S NEWS IN THE MARKETS?

(USDA Food Bulletin for the week ended Nov. 17, 1950)

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 14---Again this week, persimmons and Newtown apples from Watsonville are Best Buys in fruit, along with cranberries.

Good Buys include Thompson Seedless, Tokay, Ribier and Emperor grapes.

Avocados are coming to market in larger supply and are selling lower to make them a Fair Buy this week.

Frost damage has had its effect upon the vegetable supply, but Brussels sprouts, carrots, celery and dry onions are still considered Best Buys.

In the Good Buy line-up are broccoli, cabbage, lettuce and sweetpotatoes.

Cauliflower is a Fair Buy.

MEAT --

Although the demand for meat in the San Francisco wholesale market has continued slow to fair, some heavyweight beef and lamb carcasses have been taken by the U. S. Quartermaster Corps. The beef slaughter has consisted of some animals from the Grand National Livestock Show. Prices have advanced around $1.00 per hundredweight on all grades of beef, while fresh calf and veal in scarce supply has held unchanged in price. Lamb also has gained $1.00 to $2.00 per hundredweight. In the pork division, generous supplies of pork loins have been in little demand and have dropped $4.00 per hundredweight. Pork carcasses also are down $3.00 to $4.00 per hundredweight, and butts are selling $2.00 per hundredweight below a week ago. Among the cured cuts, bacon is selling $1.00 to $2.00 per hundredweight lower.

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BUTTER --

There has been little change in the wholesale butter market, although trading has been rather slow and prices have advanced 1/2-cent per pound on top grades. Production for the week ended Nov. 9 declined 6 percent in the west to a level 18 percent below the same date last year, with the drop especially sharp in California and Washington. Quotations to retailers are:: Grades A&AA(1st Quality), 70 to 72-1/2 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints; Grade B(2nd Quality), unchanged at 66 to 67 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints.

EGGS --

Eggs have continued in good demand at mostly unchanged prices. Grade "A" Small eggs have gained 1-cent to a quotation to retailers of 46 to 47 cents per dozen in cartons, while Grade "A" Large have held unchanged at 64 to 65 cents per dozen in cartons, as have Grade "A" Mediums at 55 to 56 cents per dozen in cartons.

POULTRY --

There has been a moderately active demand for dressed poultry in the wholesale market, where supplies of all classes are ample. Prices are little changed from a week ago. Broilers are selling 1-cent per pound lower, while all weights of fryers and roasters are up 1-cent per pound. All other classes are unchanged.

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(USDA Food Bulletin for the week ended Nov. 24, 1950)

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 21---The Best Buy line-up in the fruit department is the same as last week -- persimmons, Newtown apples from Watsonville, and cranberries.

Grapes are still a good buy, including Thompson Seedless, Tokay, Ribier, and Emperor varieties.

Among the week's Fair Buys are avocados and pears (Winter Nelis, D'Anjou, and Comice).

Best Buys in vegetables are cabbage, cauliflower and dry onions.

Celery, potatoes and sweetpotatoes are considered Good Buys, while field rhubarb and tomatoes are classed as Fair Buys.

MEAT --

With turkeys and other holiday items the center of attention, demand has remained fair to slow in the San Francisco wholesale meat market. Smoked and cured meats have been in especially slow demand. Some beef from the Grand National Show has supplemented the general supply, but for the most part quality has been of Commercial grade. In some instances, price concessions have been made to stimulate the demand for beef. Although demand has been slow for the light supply of veal, prices have advanced $1.00 to $2.00 per hundredweight on Good grade quality. All grades of lamb have advanced around $1.00 per hundredweight. In the pork division, loins and fresh hams have dropped $2.00 per hundredweight under a slow demand, while lard has gained $1.00 per hundredweight.

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BUTTER --

With western butter production continuing on a downward trend, offerings are light in the San Francisco wholesale market. Prices are 1/2 to 1-cent higher than a week ago. Grades A&AA(1st Quality) are up 1/2-cent to a quotation to retailers of 70-1/2 to 73 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints, and Grade B(2nd Quality) is 1-cent higher at 67 to 68 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints.

EGGS --

Egg prices are higher this week as the result of a strong pre-Thanksgiving demand for lighter supplies. Grade "A" Large eggs are quoted 3 cents higher to retailers at 67 to 68 cents per dozen in cartons. Smalls and Mediums are up 6 cents from a week ago, with Grade "A" Mediums quoted to retailers at 61 to 62 cents per dozen in cartons, and Grade "A" Smalls at 52 to 53 cents.

POULTRY --

Turkeys are the center of attention in the wholesale poultry market, but are unchanged in price from a week ago. Dressed young hens are quoted to retailers at 47 to 48 cents per pound, and young toms are quoted at 37 to 38 cents per pound. Roasters and hens also are in good demand, with roasters selling 1-cent per pound higher and hens unchanged. Fryers have gained 1-cent per pound, but broilers in less demand have dropped 1-cent per pound. Supplies of squabs are too light for demand. A moderate movement of ducks and geese has been reported.

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